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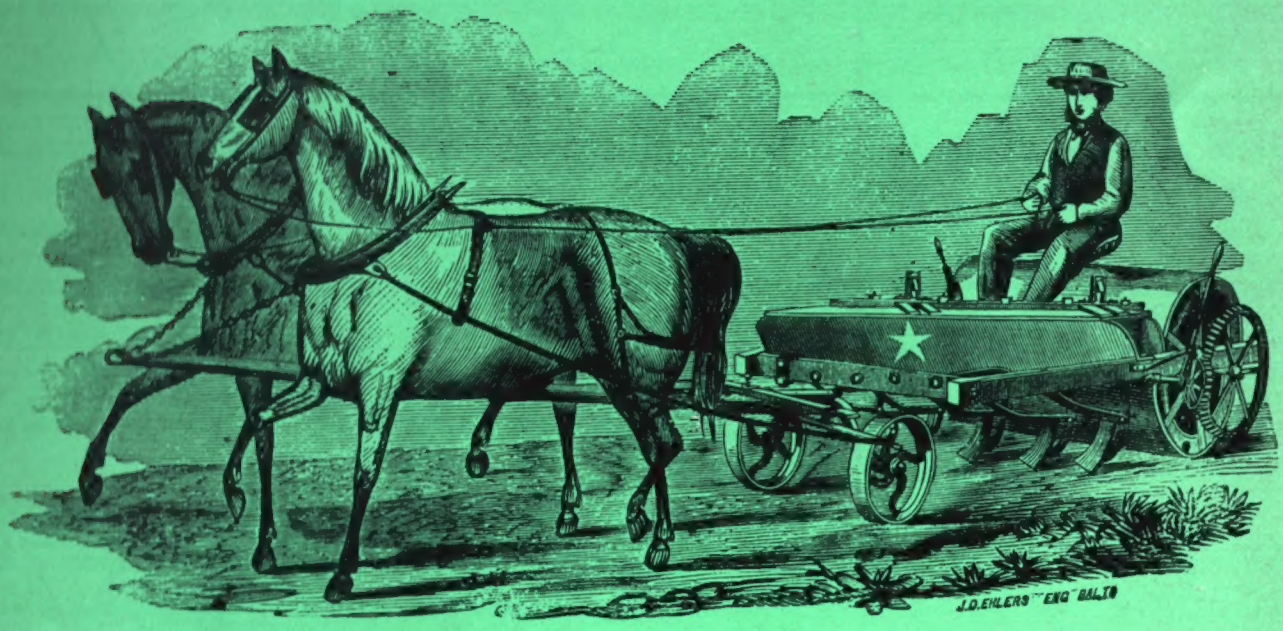

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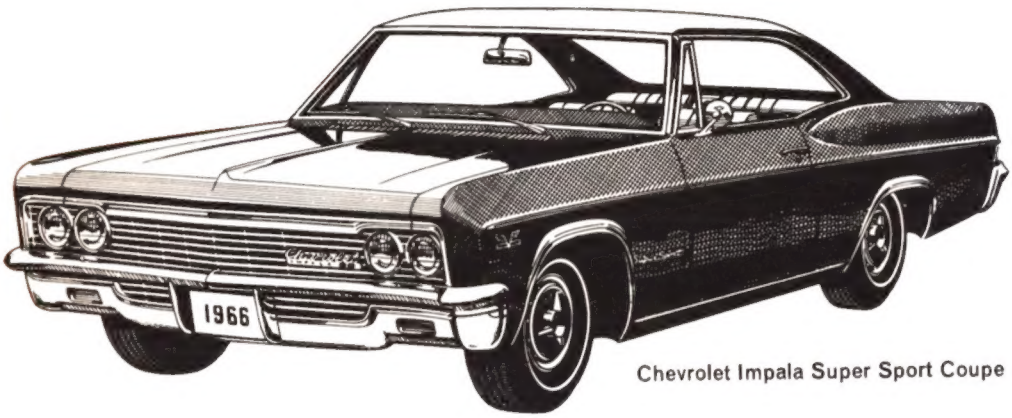

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LEGENDS OF BUCKS COUNTY

by Adi-Kent Thomas Jeffrey

One of the most curious tales in Bucks County lore resembles a Bible story.

But the setting was the shore of the Delaware, not the waterway of Egypt. The characters were not inhabitants of a palace; they were two woodsmen of Bucks.

The time was the late 1600's.

Two men crunched through the crisp underfooting of a woods as they spoke in idle conversation. " 'Tis a fair piece of land Dr. Bowman has for his dwelling." One woodsman shaded his eyes and gazed upward at the hill before him.

"Aye," agreed his companion, leaning on his axe handle for a moment. " 'Tis certain sure any of these lands good William Penn secured make a man proud."

The first woodsman swung his gaze towards the river. "None be more proud than thee and me, friend." He picked up his axe, rubbed one hand down the stretch of his hemp breeches and commenced to swing.

Before he brought the blade against the tree, a sharp cry pierced the quiet of the hushed river's edge.

The two men stood stone-still and looked at each other.

" 'Tis the cry of a child!" One man turned and scanned the forest behind him.

"Not so, friend, I say 'tis a panther!" The companion whispered his warning as his eyes jumped from tree branch to tree branch.

The cry came again, shrill enough to throw fear into the heart of any hunter. The second man kept his voice to a hoarse whisper. "Remember the words of the wise hunter: 'a child crying in the wilderness is no child, but a panther with the scent of man in his nostrils!' "

The crying was persistent now. It blew in icy tones out of the woods bordering the Delaware. Cautiously one man started towards the sound. "This is naught but the wailing of a child, I say."

His heels ground withered twigs and leaves underfoot. His shoulders pushed through a tangle of wild-armed shrubs. The crying lulled to a moan. He was close now. One more step and he knew he could reach through the brush and touch whate'er it might be. He clutched a mass of undergrowth out of his eye's view.

The face of a little child looked up at him. Tears smeared dirt from cheek to cheek. The woodsman dropped to his knees. "Who be thou?"

The child rubbed his eyes. "Peter can't tell," he said.

"Who?" The man wiped the tears off with the edge of his sleeve.

The child shook his head. "Peter can't tell," he repeated.

There was a crunching step in the underbrush behind the stooping man. It was the woodsman's friend. "'Tis naught else but what I said: a child. Without sight nor sound of another soul," said the first woodsman getting to his feet.

His friend nodded with astonishment. "Where be thy mother and thy father, lad?"

The little boy brushed back a lock of hair from his eyes and looked up. "Peter can't tell."

The two men glanced at each other. "Forsooth, 'tis a young Moses we've found, here in the river reeds," said one.

"Aye," answered the other. "Surely a good omen for these lands."

With a happy sweep one man lifted the little boy upon his shoulders and carried him home. When a neighboring farm family heard of the child, they asked for him. He was just the touch of sunlight their new wilderness home needed!

And so little Peter who could say but one sentence became known as Peter Cantel. He grew to manhood in these parts, married and started the first generation of a family that was to become famous in Bucks County, whose name changed over the years from Cantel to Cattel.

So the story goes about the beginnings of one of Bucks County's best-known old family names.

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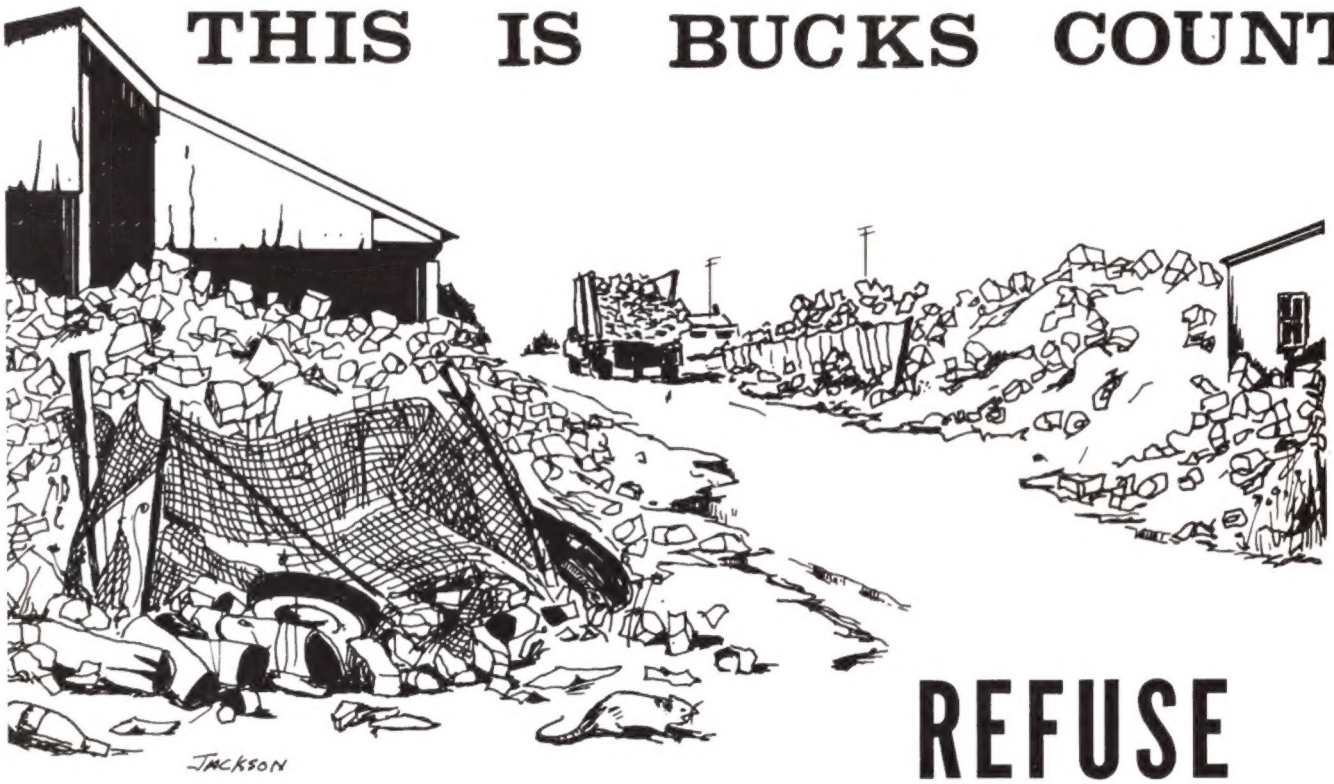

REFUSE and JUNK DISPOSAL

Photographs and drawings courtesy of Bucks County Planning Commission

A major problem in Bucks County is the question of facilities for disposal of refuse, trash, garbage, and junk. It is not simply a question of aesthetics or sanitation, although these are important factors, too. It is a question of space. By 1980, we will have produced enough garbage to cover 5,400 acres two feet deep. Unless we provide some alternative to automobile graveyards, we will need more than 1,200 acres just to handle abandoned cars.

According to the Bucks County Planning Commission, there are more acres of automobile graveyards visible from the highway in our county than anywhere else in the Commonwealth. We now have 145 commercial sites

with five or more unlicensed cars; these will be substantially enlarged and many more will develop to meet the need. The problem can become astronomical; total automobile registrations in the county are increasing by nearly 5,000 vehicles yearly. Since Americans junk about ten percent of their cars annually, we can guess that the present total of 14,300 autos abandoned in Bucks County each *year* will increase substantially. The problem is so acute that Pennsylvania legislation now provides fines, jail sentences, and loss of driving privileges for abandoning a vehicle on the highway.

The first solutions which come to mind — tough zoning, fence legislation, and selling the scrap to U. S. Steel or dropping it in a mine or ocean — have drawbacks. Some present zoning would probably be regarded as discriminatory or even confiscatory by the courts; future zoning or other ordinances might make the northern townships less vulnerable to "junk blight" than at present, but since nearly all current use is non-conforming, the junkyards and dumps would increase in size if not in number. New steel processes don't want scrap; those that require it can buy ore cheaper. And who pays for filling up the mines or the ocean or for the new mashing equipment for cars or for turning garbage into compost?

The problem is complex. Solutions will require coordinated effort on the part of local, county, state, and federal government. All appropriate officials have recently received copies of a new report, *Refuse and Junk Disposal*, in which the Bucks County Planning Commission outlines the results of its year-long survey and makes constructive suggestions. But it is up to the citizen to make sure his elected officials are aware of the urgency of the problem.

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BENT GALLANTRY

Some time ago we loaned the Panorama staff car [a Falcon with 50K on it] to a confrere. As he was approaching an intersection a stop sign reached out and hit him. Gallantly he took it to a nearby fix-it shop [in Montgomery County]. The shop, a dealer for another brand, said it would have to come back for an estimate. Just as the Falcon was leaving the lot, a car on a delivery carrier backed down its ramp and into the already dimpled fender, effectively increasing the damage. The driver was most apologetic. "Please don't report me," he said, "and I'll pay for the damage." Our confrere, still gallant, committed us to further gallantry and agreed. The dealer was equally agreeable.

A week or so later, when we tried to set up an appointment for the fix job, no one remembered any such arrangements; if we wanted it fixed, we'd have to pay. And the cost was set at "around $150." Not wanting to be around there any more, we tolerated our bent fender and bent gallantry for a while. Then we took it up to Graf-Rymdeika, where, for a round $70, it was fixed beautifully.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

Our Associate Editor, Sheila Broderick, occasionally shows signs of her British heritage. A few years ago she pulled a lulu. Sitting near her in the lobby of the Bellevue were two well-dressed men, discussing the sports page. Amiably they asked her, "Did you see this?" "No," she said, in her charming accent, "I don't like baseball; I think it's silly and childish." Politely, they disagreed and began to sing the merits of the great American sport. Soon they were joined by other men, equally charming and persuasive, but

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unable to crack her made-in-Britain conviction of the uselessness of baseball. The group of men grew larger. Sheila was adamant; only in recent years has she realized the enormity of her offense. It seems she was arguing with the Phillies!

NICE CONSISTENCY

Some time back when we had to have a new septic tank at our place in Plumstead, we reported in these columns how nice the *Modern* people (of Ottsville) had been to us. We called them a few weeks ago to ask whether they thought the tank had settled or been cracked by the winter cold; we noticed the ground was quite depressed over the tank. They said no, all is well, but they dumped a batch of top soil in the area and smoothed it all down ready for seeding. No charge — just wanted us to be happy with their service. We are!

THE POPULATION CHALLENGE

We receive a regular list of every item printed by the federal government. From time to time we wonder why the treatment of a particular subject had to be subsidized by taxpayers' money. No such reaction occurred when we saw advertised a brochure on the problems of population growth. We also were most pleased when we received our copy. (The Population Challenge — Department of the Interior Conservation Yearbook Number 2 — $1.25 from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402).

The book is beautifully printed, in full color, and is particularly oriented towards the problems which our population growth contributes to the deterioration of our natural resources. It points out that you can double-deck freeways, railroads, even whole cities — except parks. While there is an overemphasis on the activities of the multitude of federal agencies and almost no suggestion of the ways in which individual citizens may personally help seek solutions (in local Watershed Associations, etc.), the theme — to turn our great material wealth towards saving our great natural wealth is a song of freedom which needs to be sung loudly.

TRADITION

A few weeks ago *Time* magazine had an intriguing two-page feature article on "Tradition, Or What Is Left Of It." (April 22). Taking note of the disappearance of many if not most of the traditions of our society — God, country, the sanctity of motherhood or private property, and a lot more — the writers pointed out

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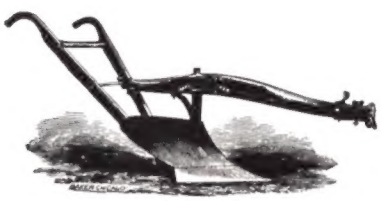
Early Farming in Bucks County

Wood Jointed Bar Mower.

by Roy C. Kulp

May, when the sun stays longer, the earth starts to warm, and the growth of plant life begins once again, has always been the month when husbandmen hasten to prepare the soil and plant the crops.

Down through the years, since the first white man began to cultivate his land here in America, the planting of seeds has been sort of a sacred task. Some farmers practiced "*Moon Farming*," looking first in the Almanac to see the position or phase of the moon before planting. These men toiled, confident that time, sun, and rain would bring forth a bountiful harvest.



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The biblical quotation: "*as a man soweth, so shall he reap*" was literally applied to his farming, since a bad crop could have meant sheer starvation for his family, particularly during those pioneer years in Colonial America, when each farmer depended chiefly on his own harvest for survival.

During the 18th and 19th Centuries farming held priority over other employment in many areas, since food, clothing, and shelter, products of fields and flocks, were the country's most important needs.

In those days, when every farmer lived in a world of his own, the beginning of spring meant long days of preparing his fields for the growing months.

Here in Bucks County most of the farms were owned by English Quakers, Germans, and Welsh yeomen. They knew by experience that the spreading of manure and lime over the fields before plowing was extremely important.

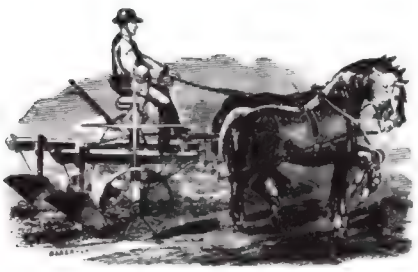
Limestone was discovered here in abundance and was one of the reasons these early European pioneers chose to settle in Bucks County. They were aware of the value of putting lime on their fields. For this reason, local limestone was burned for lime at an early date.

During the first years of settlement, piles of limestone and logs were laid in layers and burned in open fields. In later years, the "pot kiln" was built of local stone on many farms. Some of these stone structures still stand and several of these lime kilns can be seen today in rural Bucks County.

It was a sure sign of spring a century ago when many wagon-loads of limestone could be seen traveling on every rural road.

Little is known of those early field-lime quarries and kilns which were a common sight throughout the county a hundred years ago. There are, however, two manuscript account books kept by Henry B. Ely of Buckingham Township, a lime-burner and farmer.

For more than a decade, from 1828 to 1839, Ely kept a record of his lime-kiln and quarry operation. Those records give us an interesting picture of his undertaking today.



SKINNER'S GANG PLOW.

BUCKEYE MOWER.

On May the 3rd, 1828, Ely paid Charles Smith three cents a pound for veal. He paid John Berry, a laborer, $25. in full for five months work. Several days later he purchased, from Charles Smith, four shad at 12 1/2 cents apiece and four pounds of butter at 15 cents a pound.

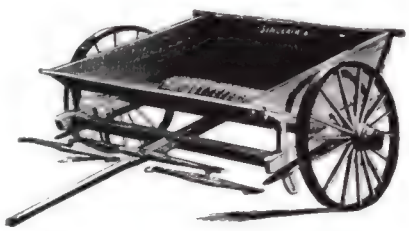
Two years later, in 1830, we find the following interesting entries by Ely:

May 1	
Levi Hartley, 4 day ploughing	$2.00
May 8	
Levi Hartley, 2 shad	.30
Daniel Yemmans, to kiln limestone	$9.50
Jervas Smith, to 300 bu. lime delivered at 14 cents	$42.00
May 12	
Bill (a Blackman), to cash for summer hat	.50
May 14	
Levi Hartley, to 3 qts. of vinegar	.15
May 15	
Levi Hartley, by 3 days at corn	$1.50
May 26	
Samuel Russel (a Blackman) to 1 pig	.75
1830	
May 1	
Levi Hartley, by 6 da. making fence and ploughing	$3.00
May 12	
By 3 da. repairing and planting corn	$1.50

Several years later, in 1833, he paid Levi Hartley $1.50 for arching the kiln and $2.25 for attending to the burning kiln (2 1/2 days and 1 night).

The few stone kilns that still stand in Buckingham Township are a reminder of those by-gone days when smoke billowed from their tops and the stones were red hot.

Unlike many industrial sites in rural sections, the remaining stone kilns do not offend the eye, but are a pleasant reminder of a busy and important part of our Bucks County heritage.



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by

A. Russell Thomas

MAY DATES TO REMEMBER: May 2: On your mark, get set, plant . . . . May 8: Tell Mom she looks younger—then give her a present that can't be used in the kitchen . . . . May 15: Take a long walk and relax . . . . May 17: The May primary election and your chance to vote for your favorite candidate . . . . May 30: Enjoy Memorial Day.

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THE MAY 17 PRIMARY: There are 147,964 Bucks Countians registered in the County's 188 voting districts. There are 78,337 Republicans; 65,145 Democrats; 1,571 Independents; 2,858 "No Party;" and 17 "others," such as Prohibitionists on the official registration list, according to Harold F. Hellyer, Chief Clerk of the County Board of Elections and one of the most efficient department heads in the County. It will be of interest to know that in the office of equally efficient Claude [Bud] Kern, Chief of Registration, a total of 745 previously registered Democrats changed their party affiliation to Republican, while 399 Republicans changed to the Democratic Party. Traveling registrars for the primary added the names of 1,846 Republicans; 1,323 Democrats; 45 Independents and 36 "No Party," for a total of 3,250.

ONLY ONE special election will be held on May 17 in Bucks County. That will be in Warminster Township where a two-mill fire tax is up for decision. Primary election offices on the ballot will include the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Internal Affairs, Judge of Superior Court, Representative in Congress, General Assembly members and State Committee members.

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MAY, 36 YEARS AGO: My 1930 notes for the month of May, may be of interest to PANORAMA readers:

PRESIDENT Judge William Chaffee Ryan of the Bucks County Courts, succumbed to illness following a heart attack. He was twice elected Judge. . . . William P. Ely & Son's Doylestown clothing store advertised shoes for $5.00 a pair. . . . Sam Polonsky, Doylestown tailor, won a Philadelphia newspaper prize of two tickets to the Arena boxing show for picking the winner of the Ernie Schaaf-Tommy Loughran fight.

TO SUCCEED the late Dr. Henry Chapman Mercer, who for many years served the Bucks County Historical Society in the capacity of President and Curator, B. F. Fackenthal Jr. of Riegelsville, a former Vice President, was elected President at the May 3 [1930] meeting. Dr. Mercer was eulogized by members attending the 39th annual meeting of the Society that year.

HEALTH OFFICER A. R. [Bert] Atkinson submitted his weekly report of contagious diseases in Doylestown as follows: Donald DeVow, 6, Beatrice Dieterich, 7, Donald Dieterich, 12, Marian Slaughter, 4, Doris Slaughter, 6, all with chicken pox; David Rockafellow, 6, mumps; Janet Schafenacker, 6, scarlet fever.

THE FRONT PAGE of a Doylestown daily of May 7, 1930, carried an account of the organization of the Grundy-Buckman Campaign Committee with 450 members. . . . On the minutes of this meeting was inscribed the following statement: "The people of Bucks County cherish with a deep sense of pride the fact that the Honorable Joseph R. Grundy, junior member of the U. S. Senate, is from Pennsylvania and is a Bucks Countian, who for many years has been foremost in promoting the best interest of his fellow citizens." [The late Senator owned the newspaper that carried the article].

SCORING THREE runs in the sixth inning of a seven-inning game, Doylestown High beat Quakertown High, 4 to 2, on Burpee Memorial Field, Doylestown. Singles by Ally Rufe and Myers started off the sixth but it was Gus Rufe, Doylestown clean-up batter, who scored his brother and Myers with a hefty triple to win the game. According to the official scorer of that game, one ART DOPE, the Doylestown lineup was A. Rufe, 1b; Myers, 2b; Kinney, 1f; A. Rufe, 3b; Rubinkam, rf; Robinson, 3b; Seiz, cf; Dardinski, c; Paul, p. QUAKERTOWN HIGH, Edge, 1f; Hogan, 3b; Cummings, c; Smoll, p; Raby, cf; Christnas, ss; Honor, rf; Brown, 1b; Ott, 2b; Johnson, cf; Strunk, cf.

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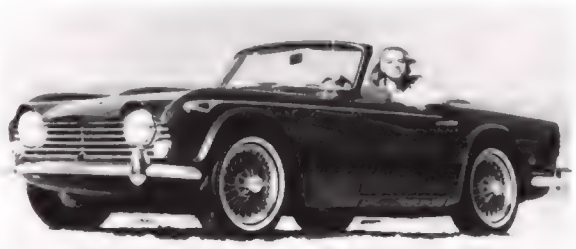

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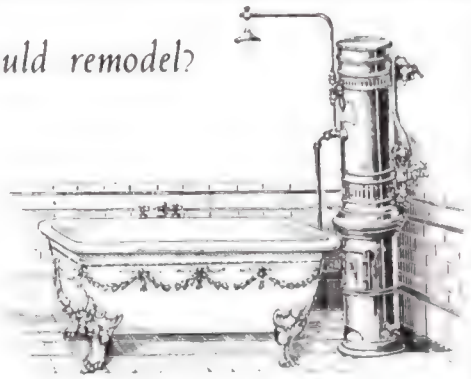

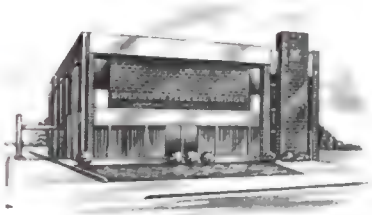

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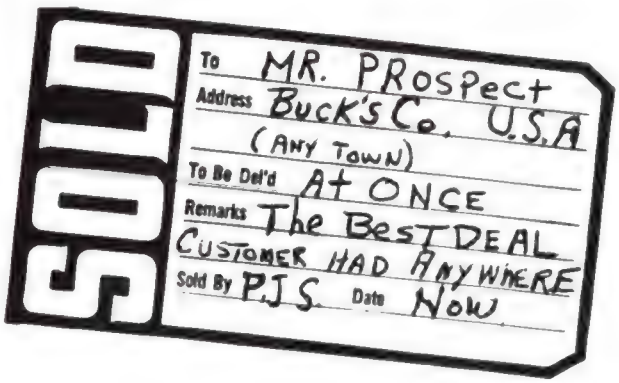

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Forgotten Genius

"The first model of a steamboat, that ever floated, was made by John Fitch in Warminster . . . ." according to the *History of Bucks County* by W. W. H. Davis. "He said the idea of a steamboat first occurred to him as he and James Ogilbee were walking home from Neshaminy church on a Sunday and were passed by a Mr. Sinton and his wife in a riding chair at the intersection of the York and Street roads."

Among the many sad events of history there must be mentioned the obvious neglect of John Fitch, for few persons are familiar with the story of this remarkable man. He is remembered only for failing to make his fame and fortune out of his invention, the steamboat. The glories and the rewards have fallen into other hands.

Any schoolchild will tell you that Robert Fulton, builder of the historic Clermont, invented the steamboat. But while Robert Fulton was studying under Benjamin West in London, John Fitch was building a steamboat and the following advertisement appeared in the *Pennsylvania Packet* and *The Federal Gazette* in June, 1790, 17 years before the first successful voyage of the Clermont.

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"Poor John Fitch," that was the way the inventor described himself, and, if anyone should take the trouble

to learn more about this man, it would be easy to understand why he chose this description. For poor John Fitch's life consisted of a series of huge obstacles which prevented his achieving his goals.

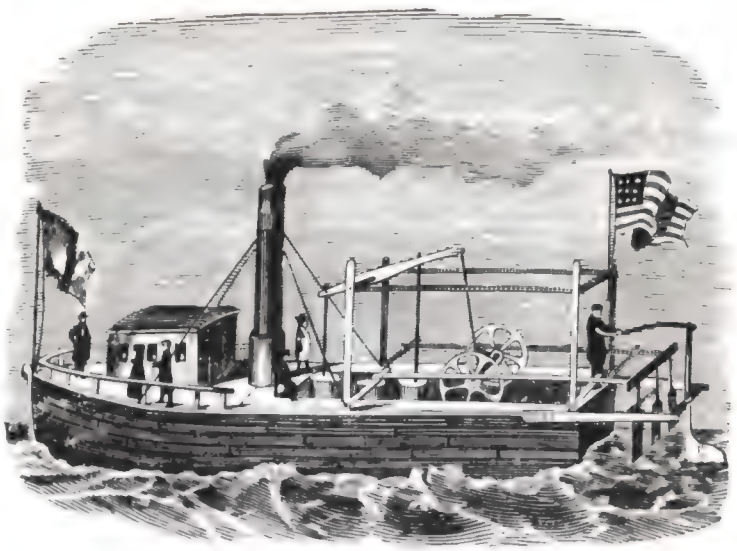
Fitch was born in Windsor, Connecticut, on January 21, 1743. A clockmaker in his early years, he moved to the small village of Trenton, New Jersey, when he was 27. At the outbreak of the Revolution he became a gunsmith for the Rebel army. In the fall of '76, when the British, in their brilliant red coats, marched into Trenton, Fitch was only minutes before them, fleeing to Pennsylvania. He moved to the Charles Garrison farm in Warminster Township, Bucks County, where he stayed for some time.

In 1782, while on a voyage to New Orleans, he was captured and made prisoner by the Indians. Forced to march 1200 miles to Detroit, he was delivered to the British and made a prisoner of war. Upon his release, he returned to Warminster.

Shortly after this he conceived the idea of harnessing steam, but his first thought was to build a horseless carriage. The poor condition of the roads soon discouraged him, however, and he turned to the idea of a steamboat..

Others were apparently working along the same lines, but Fitch was unaware of this and worked independently.

In *Watson's Annals of Philadelphia* we find the following passage: ". . . . Fitch made his model steamboat, with paddle wheels as they are now used. The model was tried on a small stream on Joseph Longsteth's meadow, about half a mile from Davisville, in Southampton township, and it realized every expectation. The machinery was made of brass with the exception of the paddle wheels, which were made of wood . . . ."



FITCH'S STEAMBOAT.

But true success was far from John Fitch. In fact, he would never achieve it! It was hard to fight the narrow-mindedness of many of the people of that time. They thought Fitch a man with a deranged mind. He wrote to George Washington and to Congress about his invention, asking for money. He was refused. Then he submitted the idea to Spain with the thought that it might be used to navigate the Mississippi. Again he was refused.

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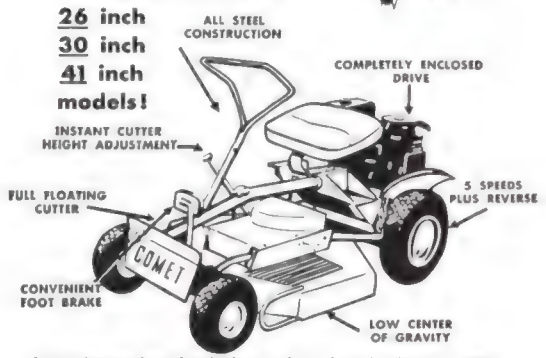

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In 1788 he managed to obtain the necessary funds and his first steamboat was seen by Philadelphians. The boat puffed its way from Philadelphia to Burlington, a distance of 20 miles, but the boiler burst. Later the same year it went from Philadelphia to Trenton, returning the same day, at a speed of eight miles an hour. The boat met with all kinds of difficulty, but it was not the fault of Fitch's design. The mechanics of that day were quite primitive and the parts defective. John Fitch's boat was doomed to failure and ended its day rotting on the banks of the Delaware.

In a desperate effort, the inventor sent his plans to a Mr. Vail in France. It is said that Vail, in later years, showed the plans to Robert Fulton.

In 1792 John Fitch wrote: "This will be the mode of crossing the Atlantic in time, whether I shall bring it about or not. The day will come when some more powerful man will get the fame and fortune from my invention. No one will believe that John Fitch can do anything worthy of attention!"

Ridiculed as few men have ever been, John Fitch could endure no more. Feigning illness he told his physician that he could not sleep and was given opium. Saving it until he had a sufficiently large dose, Fitch took his own life. Thus ended the life of the forgotten genius. His remains were buried at Bardstown, Kentucky, in a spot overlooking the banks of the Ohio. His epitaph reads:

His darling wish was to be buried
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A SURE SIGN OF SPRING

In Bucks County a sure sign of spring is the opening of the famous Bucks County Playhouse at New Hope. The State Theatre of Pennsylvania since 1959, the Playhouse began the 1966 season on April 30th.

First of the ten shows in this year's 22-week season is *Beyond the Fringe*, which will play through May 14.

Starring in the first production of the season are John Heffernan, Geoff Garland, Lionel Wilson, and Brendan Burke.

From May 16 to May 28 the Playhouse will present *After the Fall*, Arthur Miller's powerful play which received critical acclaim when first performed. Milton Katselas will direct.

The Playhouse will then present one of America's great comedies, the Pulitzer Prize winner, *You Can't Take It With You*, from May 30 to June 18, an unusual three-week engagement. This delightful classic will co-star Imogene Coca and her actor-director husband, King Donovan, and will be directed by Michael Kahn.

Riverwind, a musical that will co-star Lisa Kirk and Robert Alda in their first Bucks County appearances, will also be a three-week attraction from June 20 to July 9. Staging will be by James Hammerstein, son of the late composer, Oscar Hammerstein.

The fifth show, from July 11 to July 23, will be Richard Wilbur's adaptation of Moliere's satirical romp, *Tartuffe*. John Heffernan will play the title role of this French farce which will be directed by Philip Minor.

Fare Thee Well, the world premiere of a new comedy by Robert Presnell, will start the second half of the season. To be directed by Robert H. Livingston, it will run from July 25 to August 6.

Playhouse Producer, Walter Perner

BUILD A BASIC WARDROBE

A haphazard collection of wearing apparel does not make a wardrobe. To be properly dressed for all the occasions in your daily life, you must have a well planned wardrobe. Since we all lead verying lives, our individual needs must necessarily vary also, but there is one basic wardrobe that will almost completely meet the needs of practically every man.

Few men can afford or will take the time to purchase a complete wardrobe of clothing, accessories, and footwear all at one time. The acquisition of a wardrobe is more likely to be a gradual building process whereby a man carefully selects his apparel with a total plan in mind.

An excellent choice for a basic suit in any wardrobe is a medium or dark gray one. Man made fabrics and natural fibres in varying weights have supplanted the traditional gray flannel, but the purpose is the same. The versatile gray suit can be dressed up or down to meet any occasion. Selection of the shirt to be worn is most important. A spread or pin collar is more dressed up than a button-down one. French cuffs are dressier than barrel cuffs and stripes are newer than white or blue. Your tie may be in a contrasting color or it may harmonize with the shirt stripe.

Dress up the gray suit for informal evenings with a white shirt, French cuffs with smart cuff links, and a deep colored tie. A gray snap-brim hat and black shoes will complete the outfit.

Informalize or dress it down for spectator sports with a patterned, button-down collar shirt, foulard tie and handkerchief in related color. Add a waistcoat or sweater in your own special color. Slip-on shoes of the moccasin type and a rough tweed sport hat will complete the ensemble. For cold days, an outercoat of the shorter length [perhaps with a fur collar would be most suitable.

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Collectors of Bucks County

THE FIRST OF A SERIES

by Joanna Pogson

"I never thought of myself as a collector," says George Krieger. "I just seemed to accumulate these mugs from my customers for one reason or another."

"These mugs" number approximately 560 beer steins and drinking mugs that George Krieger, owner of Krieger's Bar and Restaurant in Cornwells Heights has collected over the past five years — and the number is still growing.

"A customer brought me a German stein from his home one day," he says, hands flat against the counter and eyes raised to the shelves above the mirror that hold the mugs. "He asked me if I would like to display it here. I agreed but since then have forgotten which one was that first one — they just started to come in."

Looking toward the opposite wall, his eyes take in the rest of his collection, three shelves deep.

"I began to tag the mugs soon," he continues. "A good many have the owner's name and address inside."

Most of these beautifully embellished ceramic-ware mugs have come a long way to their resting place. Represented here are mugs from Germany, Bermuda, England, Belgium, Ohio, California, Tanganyika, South Africa, New York, Connecticut, India, and many other places including — oh yes, Bucks County.

George Krieger's collection of drinking mugs is not confined to one size or shape. The smallest mug (as of now) is a novelty, measuring approximately 1 1/4 inches. The largest (as of now) is an embellished ceramic piece with a three-gallon capacity.

"The average stein is about a half-litre," he says, "a litre measuring approximately a quart of liquid."

Along with various sizes are various shapes, including the faces of three Buccaneers — authentically painted with black mustache and curled red lips.

"Most steins represent in some way the area where they were made," he says. Embellished in fine gloss on the front of the steins are mountain ranges, trees, churches, buildings or castles. Many of the mugs are simple white or off-white; emblems of their particular state, college or university front the mugs. Others represent heads of important people, for instance General Lee, Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson and, of all people, Santa Claus.

The embellished mugs of bright color and fine detail are, in most cases, the German steins. A pewter or peaked lid sits atop the mug like a well-placed cap.

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"In the old days," George Krieger says, "buttered rum or hot punch was poured into warmed mugs and drunk on cold nights. These drinks might be equivalent to the Hot Toddy of today. They all serve the same purpose," he laughs.

One of the most impressive of mugs in the collection is the hourglass — a half yard ale glass and the only piece of glass in the collection.

In the form of an hourglass, it holds a half yard of ale, which is equal to 26 ounces of liquid, and is 18 inches high. A band of precious silver adds a decorative note. The half yard ale glass harks back to 17th century England and the reign of James II. A coach 'n four would pull up to the inn and the keeper would shout "rest ye weary gentlemen and quaff a glass of ale." The driver usually remained behind to tend the horses but he was not denied his ale. The hourglass was especially designed so that the barmaid could hand the driver his ale while he remained in the driver's box. Now, centuries later, this unusual drinking vessel has been reproduced in exact detail.

It seems that mugs have, for a long time, represented "homey" gatherings and comfortable environment. During the Revolutionary period, a ritual at every formal dinner party of the day was a round of 13 toasts — one for each state.

The people of the day ate from pewter platters and wooden trenchers — and drank from tankards, beakers, flagons, posset-cups, mugs, jugs and jorums. As unfamiliar as these names are to us, their materials aren't for they were made of wood, pewter, leather, glass or copper.

While today we accompany most of our meals with those good old American beverages, coffee or tea, those living in the Revolutionary days washed down their meals with ale, port, Madeira, cherry toddy, or Barbados rum with bitters. They usually started their day with a "glass of ale" and even the early Quakers regularly enjoyed strong spirits as an antidote to the "hot climate."

During that time an inn consisted of parlor, kitchen and bedrooms. And the kitchen, as it remains even today,

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May, 1966

1	DOYLESTOWN — **"A" Day,** Delaware Valley College Agriculture and Science Day. Route 202 west of Doylestown. Noon to 5 p.m.
6	NEW HOPE — **West Point Glee Club,** New Hope Exchange Club. Solebury School, 8 p.m.
1-6	LEVITTOWN — **13th Annual Spring Exhibit,** Levittown Artists' Association, Philadelphia National Bank, Shopping Center.
1-7	LANGHORNE — **"Remains to be Seen,"** continued Langhorne Players, 8:30 p.m., The Barn on Bridgetown Pike.
7	DOYLESTOWN — **Concert, County Choraliers,** Bucks County High School Auditorium, 8 p.m.
14	NEW HOPE — 24th annual **"Open House Day."**
7-13-14	LEVITTOWN — **"The Cave Dwellers,"** Levittown Players, Walt Disney School, Lakeside Drive & Learning Lane. 8:30 p.m.
14	MILFORD SQUARE — **Annual Chicken Barbecue,** Richland Grange No. 1206, Milford Square Fire Hall, Route 663 [1 mile east of the Quakertown interchange and Northeast Extension of Pennsylvania Turnpike.
7-8	ERWINNA — **Art Exhibit,** Paintings by Tinicum
14-15	School children. Stover Mill, River Road, Route 32.
21-22	2-5 p.m.
13-14, 20-21	BUCKINGHAM — **"The Mousetrap"** [Agatha Christie Town and Country Players, The Barn, Route 263 bwtween Furlong and Buckingham. 8:30 p.m.
7-11	ANDALUSIA — **"Never Too Late,"** The Playmasters,
13-14	Theatre Barn, State Road, 1 mile north of Grant Ave.
19-20-21	8:40 p.m.
21	DOYLESTOWN — **May Day Open House,** Tabor Home, Route 611 south of Doylestown. 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
28-29	ERWINNA — **Art Exhibit,** paintings by outstanding artists. IBM Exhibit. Stover Mill, Rt. 32, River Road, 2-5 p.m.
28	LANGHORNE — **10th Annual Book Fair,** Langhorne-Middletown Library Association. Hill and West Maple Ave., 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Entertainment, picnic style luncheon available. 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
29	WASHINGTON CROSSING — **Memorial Day Observances,** Soldiers' Graves, 2 p.m. 9th District American Legion Post, Newtown.
19-20-21	YARDLEY — **"The Glass Menagerie,"** The Yardley Players, Community Center.
20 thru June 19	NEW HOPE — **The Magic Needle,** Parry Barn.
28-29	FAIRLESS HILLS — **Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus.** Tent adjacent Fairless Hills Shopping Center.

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was the focal point for friendly gatherings. In the corner of the kitchen usually stood a boarded or grilled section and here the day's ration of ale was distributed. This area was known as the taproom. Individual portions or completely bottled goods were dispensed under careful scrutiny of the owner. This scene is typical of those represented in the English engravings of Rowlandson and Hogarth. In time, the taproom was modified to include a small counter as may be seen at Black Bass Inn or McKlonkey's Ferry House on the Jersey side of Washington Crossing. Drinks were ordered at the small counter which was equipped with tankards and mugs in pint and quart sizes. It is said that "Watch your p's and q's" (pints and quarts) originated at this time.

Originally from England are pewter mugs with glass bottoms — and these for a special reason. The bartender when drinking his own tankard behind the counter could keep a watchful eye on his customers through the bottom of his drinking vessel — hence the toast "Here's looking at you."

And, again, in Revolutionary days, when a gathering took place beside a warm hearth, usually present were a few loggerheads or short pokers. These pokers were not meant to poke the fire — indeed, they were heated and plunged into tankards of mulled rum for added warmth.

But these loggerheads had another unusual purpose! As will happen at "friendly gatherings," much talk led to friendly squabbles and debates and finally into out-and-out arguments — and these loggerheads were near at hand to settle any dispute. Many say that the saying "to be at loggerheads" originated at these warm, cozy hearth gatherings!

The famous Toby mugs came into prominence around this time. These pottery mugs, in the shape of men's faces, are believed to be the work of an English potter whose purpose was to ridicule the town drunk named Toby. But his idea became a success and many places now specialize in these finely-detailed vessels. However, this is not the only belief concerning these mugs. Another historian cites the Toby mug as emanating from the character of Uncle Toby in Sterne's "Tristram Shandy." The cups were used for ale and beer in 18th and 19th century England and America.

The London coffee houses of the 17th century seem to be the starting point for the long bar as we now know it. The public's taste switched to bottled whiskey and

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gin and the 19th Century "Gin Palace" developed. This phenomenon was an outgrowth of urban development and a place of beauty in the midst of a drab industrial world.

The bars of this time were imported mahogany or rosewood; etched glass and marble decorated the "Palaces." Floors were done in mosaics. The Brass Rail appeared — and also the spittoon. But now, instead of a leisurely pipe and a full mug, quick turnover at standup bars took place.

But the "homey" atmosphere reminiscent of a Colonial inn kitchen did not disappear. In a sense it still prevails in the recent innovation of cocktail lounges — with soft lights and pine paneling. And still enjoyed at the modern bars are the camaraderie, social pleasure and relaxation first felt in the early days.

"Two customers saved their money," says George Krieger, "and went abroad — took a trip to Europe. They brought back a mug from Brugge, Belgium — just for my collection. I thought that was an awful nice gesture," he finishes, looking at the mug on the shelf in front of him.

"I've even been offered $150 for one of my mugs. This one was in the customer's family and passed from one to another. Then I got it for safe keeping. I wouldn't part with any of them now."

Anyone for Revolutionary days?

INVITATION ART EXHIBIT

Several distinguished artists from Bucks County are among those who have been invited to submit examples of their work to the Second Annual Invitation Art Exhibit for the benefit of the Central New Jersey Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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SAILING DOWN THE RIVER

Being the adventurous tale of two red-blooded American boys and a loverly young maiden from far-away France on a unique fun-filled trip from Riegelsville to Yardley on the de la Warre river. In which is detailed also the flora, fauna, and fishes of all sorts encountered the while.

by One of the Group

It was with joyful anticipation that Timothy and I waited for our visitor to arrive. But we were a bit worried lest our youthful innocence might prove too boring for the sophisticated world traveller from Paris, France, who was to be our guest. However, Mother assured us that she came from a fine noble family of breeding and culture and therefore would be gracious and understanding during her stay in our simple Bucks County farmhouse.

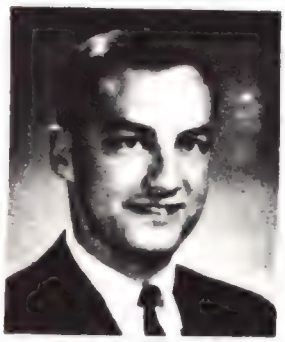
It all began one morning in May. Mother had just returned from visiting our Aunt Martha in Philadelphia. "Timothy and John," she said, "I have wonderful news!" We could hardly contain ourselves. So little happened to us in our simple little home. "Tell us quickly, Mother," we shouted in unison.

"Your Aunt Martha has a young visitor all the way from France staying with her," she replied, coyly. "And Aunt Martha thought it would be nice if the visitor saw the country. So, the visitor will be coming out to Bucks County to spend the weekend with us!"

"Gee, great!" we shouted in unison. Timothy and I are very close and always speak in unison in times of crisis. "How old is he?" we asked eagerly, also in unison.

Mother hesitated — just long enough — then admitted, "*She* is fifteen." "Gee, great!" I said, being just sixteen myself. "Oh shucks, a girl," said Timothy, being just twelve. "What shall we do with her — a whole weekend?" As for me, I wasn't answering *that* question; but I asked another, "Can we go out in the boat?"

So that's how our strange expedition began. The next day after Jeanette (our visitor's name) arrived, we took our sturdy craft to Riegelsville and embarked. We found out later that it is just 175 miles by water from that point to the mouth of the river. And, although we had been out many times in our boat, we had never planned such a long trip. But we arranged with Mother to meet us at nightfall at Yardley, little realizing that



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the trip was to encompass a much longer time. But — again — we are getting ahead of our story.

We chose Riegelsville to start because north of that point the river is full of many pools and riffles. From Easton downstream to Riegelsville there are also many boulders and bedrock outcroppings which make boating difficult. Less obvious from the river itself is that north of Riegelsville, it flows through a sparsely settled area, whereas southward the forestland gives way to farms and settlements. The main difference to the boater, however, is that the area merely becomes less mountainous. Of course to the north there are many large pools, deep and quiet, where we had gone boating, swimming, and fishing. There's where the smallmouth bass and walleyes abound and sometimes American shad. To the south of Riegelsville the saltwater bass begin to appear.

(There is now a launching site on the Jersey side, maintained by the Riegelsville Paper Company for free public use. Between there and Upper Black Eddy, the Pennsylvania State Game Commission maintains a State Game Land for public hunting of legal game of the

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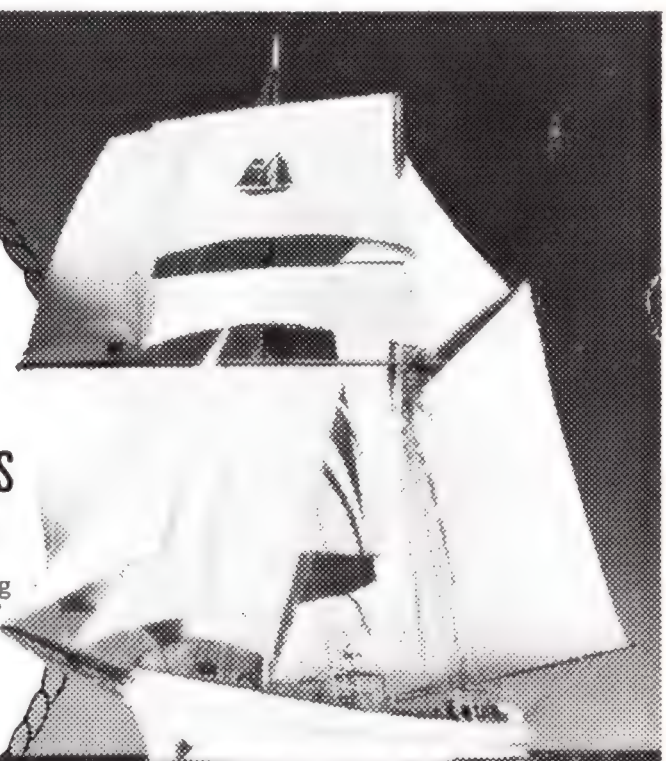

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JOHN RANDOLPH CLAY, America's First Career Diplomat by George Irvin Oeste. University of Pennsylvania Press. $10.00.

Since many of our readers are interested in American history in general as well as in items directly related to our country, we think they will be happy to know of this work. The author is Professor of the History of Western Civilization at the Bucks County Community College.

John Randolph Clay is credited with being America's first career diplomat. Certainly his life [1808-1885] covered a period when our nation was beginning to play an important part in world affairs and his service represented a major contribution to that growth. He sensed, almost by accident as Charge' d'Affaires in Russia for nearly a generation, and for a similar period in Peru. It was an interesting yet thankless job, for which he received inadequate compensation.

The book, originally a doctoral thesis, is more a history than biography, and therefore of broader interest. Well-documented, it should be of particular interest to those interested in the history of our diplomatic service.

THE LAST BATTLE by Cornelius Ryan. Simon and Schuster. $7.50.

The author of **The Longest Day** has done it again. After several years of intensive research, he has written a brilliant history of the last days of Berlin under the Nazis. Without omitting any of the essential data concerning troop deployment and engagements, he has interspersed the narrative with stories of generals and privates, and of key civilians and ordinary citizens. Most war stories are either interminably dull or excessively obsessed with the glamorization of the sheer horror and the madness. But here there is admirable objectivity and restraint. The author shows a real sympathy for human beings caught in the mesh of an intolerable situation without whitewashing any of the evil in which they engaged. The book is fascinating and compelling; it may serve as a vivid reminder of the ways in which man can use his intelligence to his own destruction.

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that some tradition fulfills a basic human need for security. So much tradition has gone that the young and the artist, who are "traditional" rebels, have hardly any tradition with which to break. The article quotes Paul Goodman as saying, "The loss of tradition is tragic, because a new generation cannot break away from a past into bold new creative patterns if it has no relationship to the past." And, anthropologist Loren Eiseley defines the problem: "It would be an awful bother to have to reorient oneself every morning. . . . change must be allowed for. But for an institution to be an institution, it must perforce have some rigidity."

The conclusion reached is that "change is here to stay," and that the real American tradition is that of a fresh start. We are not so sure, and think we are in danger of losing the balance between constants and variables by challenging all constants at once. We would agree with the Greek philosopher who said, "All things flow; you can't go down to the same river twice." But he knew, as we do not appear to know, that riverness and wetness were the constants of that flow. Solidity need not mean rigidity. Tall buildings and bridges flex with wind and temperature; but when either is really broken the result is chaos. We would cite as examples of absolutes the existence of an unlimited God and the realness of the world and of people. Related to this would be consequent and dependent "traditions" such as the integrity of human personality and values such as truth, goodness, mercy, and charity. The iconoclasts of today do not hesitate to attack all these "traditions." In so doing they attack themselves and the value of human life; they soon will dehumanize themselves completely by metaphorically eating their young.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE PRESENTED

Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. for the Yardley Players' production of *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams which is scheduled for May 19, 20, and 21. To be held at the Yardley Community Centre, the play features Eleanor Carl as Amanda Wingfield, Lila Cipriano as Laura Wingfield, Douglas Schlicher as Tom Wingfield, and Joseph DiLascio as Jim O'Connor.

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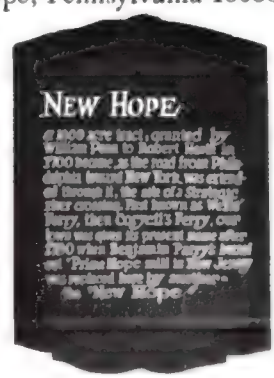
Among the houses to be open are *Hill Hollow Farm*, Mr. Carl Holmquist's 18th Century school house, now a dairy farm; Mrs. R. Moore Price's studio and house; the home of Dr. Harold Thomas Hyman, notable for its view of the hills of Solebury and its collection of pictures and antique furniture; the original *Hard Times Tavern*, now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Francis Taylor, where much of Mr. Taylor's painting has been done; Mr. and Mrs. James Lafferty's *Wind Swept House*, built in 1750; *Spring House*, an 18th Century house restored by its present owner, Miss Dori Versic; the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Kostmayer, originally a barn on a William Penn land grant, in which cow stalls have become bedrooms; Mr. Charles Turn's house, owned by the Ely family continuously from 1740 until 1900; and the unique contemporary house of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mendelson, designed by Jules Gregory and containing furniture by George Nakashima, both noted residents of this area.

The hungry may avail themselves of the gourmet specialties of New Hope's famed restaurants, and the Playhouse offers an amusing comedy. Shops will be filled with gay new spring wares for those in search of unusual commodities. A rewarding day and a warm welcome are promised to visitors.

"Open House Day" is held annually for the benefit of the Public Health Nursing Association. Further information may be obtained by writing to "Open House Day," New Hope, Pennsylvania 18938.



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AFTER DELIBERATING three hours, a Bucks County jury acquitted Mrs. Louise Mazzelli, 36, Bristol, of the murder of a former boarder at her home on Feb. 13, 1930. Members of the jury were Raymond Bunting, Morrisville, foreman; Joseph Keers, Bristol; Wilmer K. Fretz, Bedminster; I. J. Kepler, Trumbauersville; Mrs. Gertrude Kitk, Bensalem; Harvey Star, East Rockhill; Harvey E. Stoneback, Bristol; Gideon S. Gehman, Hilltown; Albert S. Fisher, Bridgeton; Raymond Mouer, Telford; John Schulberger Jr., Haycock; and Mrs. Elizabeth Kauffman, Yardley.

DOYLESTOWN BOROUGH Council fell in line with other Bucks municipalities and passed an ordinance banning fireworks on the FOURTH. . . . Gus Pallon, Ambler High pitcher, fanned 19 Doylestown High batters in a 7-inning game to establish a record and beat D-Town, 6 to 2, with Neff and Paul pitching for the losers. . . . Melvin Bishop, Blooming Glen, was named Pastor of the Blooming Glen Mennonite Church when his name was drawn from a book containing the inscription: "The lot is cast to the lap, but the whole is disposing of it to the Lord."

CLAIMING THAT the love of his wife had been alienated by Fred Kemmerer of Hilltown Township for whom she had gone to work as a housekeeper, William Mc Gowan, Philadelphia, started suit for $50,000 damages in the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County.

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OUR JUNE column will be something different. It will be a resume of the minutes of the Doylestown Maennerchor Society dating back to organization date, July 1, 1884. The German minutes were translated by the late Fred Kersten and were edited by "Rambling with Russ."

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SAILING DOWN THE RIVER [continued from page 23]

forest game species. The Department of Forests and Waters maintains the Delaware Canal from Easton southward, and it may be used by small, unpowered boats. The towpath, still used by the mules for tourist barges, is a beautiful walkway at any season. The Canal itself is one of the finest places for fishing for children in all Delaware Valley. Those under sixteen need no license, but if adults supervise by demonstrating — even on their own property — they must be licensed. New Jersey and Pennsylvania have a reciprocity arrangement so that residents licensed in either state may fish from boats on either side of the river — Ed.)

The stream flows very rapidly just below Riegelsville and we picked up speed almost as soon as we shoved off. Jeanette's worst fears seemed to be confirmed at the start. She was sure that the expedition would prove fatal, and she pictured us all overturned. But we survived the first rapids and came into more placid waters as the river made a long sweeping turn eastward toward Lynn Island. There we went through some riffles, turned almost northeast, then slowly around in a southeasterly direction to Upper Black Eddy.

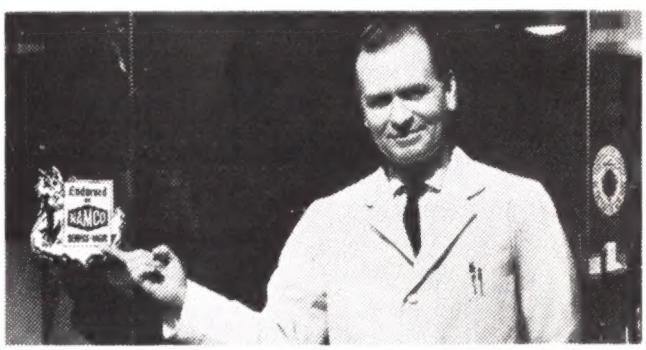
I enjoyed watching Jeanette's hair sparkle in the sunlight that filtered through the trees. Timothy sat up front and watched for rocks. Jeanette enjoyed the out-of-doors and proved to be a strong, steady paddler. After we passed Upper Black Eddy, Timothy turned around and demanded, "When can we stop for lunch?"

"You never seem to think about anything but food," I replied. "It's only ten-thirty!" "Yes, but we've been up since six!" Just about then the river seemed to pick up speed, so we were obliged to wait until we got below Frenchtown. Jeanette was much intrigued by the name of the town. We dawdled a bit by the shore of Marshall Island where we had beached the craft for lunch. Jeanette was struck by the novel idea of transforming the boat into a botanical garden. She picked crocuses and violets and put them on board. I took the liberty of tucking one in her hair. We scarcely noted the passing of time, but Timothy finally persuaded us to set sail again.

Along the channel between Marshall and Treasure Islands and the Jersey shore we ran a whole series of riffles and rapids. At one point Jeannette almost tipped us over in trying to retreive the flowers as they slid along the gunwale. Timothy saved them for her. He was then sitting in the center, with Jeanette at the bow. She blew him a kiss in gratitude and I immediately became jealous.

As the afternoon wore on, we were following the channel between the two Prahis Islands when Timothy asked, "Do you think we'll get to Yardley before Mother gets there to meet us?" We had never been down the river that far before and scarcely realized the distance. (It is nearly forty miles from Riegelsville to Yardley by river — Ed.) The question, often asked, but never answered, became increasingly a matter of concern. The river seemed to flow more slowly; we paddled less rather than more, and the sun had almost set as we passed the curve of the river at Lower Black Eddy (the former name for Point Pleasant — Ed.). Jeanette had no idea of the distances involved, and, as a matter of fact, neither did we. Timothy had wanted to stop at Lower Black Eddy. Now he insisted he was hungry again and wanted to get home for supper. I realized that it would be impossible. But how would we get word to Mother who must already have reached Yardley?

(To be concluded.)



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To be held at Pearl Buck's barn on Dublin Pike, the event will feature fashions by Strawbridge & Clothier, Plymouth Meeting, and Avant Garde, Peddler's Village.

Fashions of the past and a demonstration of flower arranging by Harumi will also be featured.

Tickets, available at the door, are $1.50 and proceeds of the show will be used to further the mission work of the church.

COMMUNITY FAIR

The Pennridge Community Fair and Antique Show, sponsored by the Penn Ridge Chapter of the American Field Service, is scheduled to take place May 20 and 21st.

To be held at Pennridge High School in Perkasie, the show will feature 40 exhibitors, offering a great variety of antiques. A Pennsylvania Dutch dinner will be served on the evening of the 21st.

The Fair, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., is being held to raise money for exchange students.

PROGRAM AT THE NATURE CENTER

This month's nature programs at the Churchville Park Nature Center were announced recently by the Bucks County Park Board. Programs are held Sundays at 2 p.m.

May 1 — Bill Craighead will discuss **Some Native Fish of Churchville Park.** He will mention techniques used to study fish ages, population size, and reproduction success. The program will include a demonstration at the edge of the reservoir, weather permitting. Mr. Craighead is a teacher at the George School.

May 8 — David Williams, Park Board Naturalist, will introduce **Spring Wildflowers of Bucks County.** The talk will include flower parts, flower families, and plant identification.

May 15 — David Benner will lead a **Wildflower Ramble** at the Nature Center. He is a former botanist of Bowman's Hill Wild Flower Preserve.

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